



**COUNCILMEMBER BENJAMIN HUESO**  
*CITY OF SAN DIEGO – COUNCIL DISTRICT 8*  
Press Release

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**COUNCILMEMBER BEN HUESO WILL BE HOSTING A RIBBON CUTTING AT  
RIGEL STREET BRIDGE IN SOUTHCREST**

*Councilmember Ben Hueso has focused a lot of energy in the Southcrest community of District 8, and the re-opening of the Rigel Street Bridge is another example of his commitment to re-energizing the community.*

The original Rigel Street Bridge was a wooden structure built in 1930. By 2003, the bridge was extremely dilapidated, and was consequently deemed unsafe and closed to traffic. The re-opening of the Rigel Street bridge after three years of closure will improve public safety in the area. Police and Fire Departments will now have easier and quicker access in and out of the communities of Southcrest and Shelltown, in South East San Diego. Additionally, the bridge, which crosses over the Chollas Creek, creates a simpler and more accessible route to the new park on Rigel Street and the walkways above Chollas Creek. The park is set to open soon.

The new bridge is a two span concrete bridge that is 62 feet long. It provides one travel lane, a parking lane and an ADA compliance sidewalk in each direction.

When: Friday 10 March @ 10:30 a.m

What: Ribbon Cutting for Rigel St. Bridge Grand Re-opening

Where: Rigel St. and Main St. (bridge under Interstate 5)

Who: Councilmember Ben Hueso, Rich Haas (mayor's office), and Father Henry